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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Engelhardt made brief introductions of Michelle Sawyers, BCATS Intern and Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Terry Moulthane, Bay City, and; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville, Dave Geiger, MDOT-Saginaw; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Rick Fowler, MDOT Planning; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Mike Stoner, Bay Metro; and Shelly Sawyers, BCATS staff.

Minutes from June 10, 2008 Tech meeting:

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Majerczyk, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

TIP Amendments:

Engelhardt provided members with a copy of the letter from Rick Fowler outlining the various TIP Amendments for Bay County and MDOT including:

M-13/M-84 at Salzburg Avenue between Euclid Avenue easterly to the west abutment of the East Lafayette Street Bridge for new curb & gutter, HMA resurfacing, replacement of existing storm sanitary and water main, signal modernization, sidewalk and ADA ramps. This construction project will occur in 2013, but the project is over \$5 million dollar so the inclusion of the ROW and PE needs to be included in the TIP for 2009.

I-75 north of US-10 for the I-75 north bound lane south of US-10 and US-10 east bound west of Mackinaw Road for the installation of traffic surveillance equipment, permanent Dynamic Message Systems (DMS) boards and related hardware. This project original approved into the TIP on April 16, 2008 will be deleted. The funds for this project have been shift to another project in the Bay Region

MPO Area of the Bay City Urbanized Area for Local Bridge GPA funds for FY 2009.

MPO Area of the Bay City Urbanized Area for the Trunkline Bridge CPM GPA funds for FY 2009.

Beaver from Four Mile Road to Mackinaw Road project to restore and rehabilitate. This project, original approved into the TIP on April 16, 2008, now will have federal EDDF funds for the project requiring an amendment to the TIP

The addition of Harrison Street Project to the TIP for the City of Bay City. Funding for this project will come from money that wasn't used on the Henry Street Project. It is expected that this project will let in Winter 2008. There is an issue regarding the Rail Road Crossing for the Harrison Street Project which is being looked into.

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Engelhardt also provided members with a Transportation Enhancement Program handout for review.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Gaydos, to approve the various TIP Amendments listed above, including the addition of the Harrison Street Project. Motion passed.

M-15/Trumbull Corridor Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding the M-15/Trumbull Corridor. A vacant lot on the northeast corner of Center Avenue and Trumbull may be donated to the City of Bay City. If this lot is indeed obtained by the city of Bay City any future use should take into account a possible turn lane at this location. The M-15/Trubull corridor really acts as a trunkline roadway. This road should be evaluated by MDOT in conjunction with the other implementing agencies to see if it should be a continuation of M-15 all the way along Wilder Rd to the I-75 Expressway.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that a letter of support be given for a study on the M-15/Trumbull Corridor. Motion Passed.

City of Essexville Railroad Project:

Majerczyk discussed the Rail Road Project taking place in the City of Essexville. Jim George of Lake States Rail Road is interested in seeing some updates and improvements for his Rail Road Crossing and is interested in working with the City of Essexville. According the Mr. George, there is a grant through DOT available for such improvements. However, upon research into such a grant, Majerczyk discovered that it's more of a loan program with a 50/50 match that is forgiven after five years as long as the rail road follows DOT rules and regulations and certain criteria are met after 5 years. The City of Essexville is still looking into this project. Majerczyk questioned if such a project would need to be included in the TIP. Fowler stated that if there was any federal funding for the project it must be included in the TIP.

Title VI Certification:

Engelhardt reminded members that they need to get Title VI Certification underway as it's due in September, 2008.

Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting:

Engelhardt reminded members that there would be a Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting taking place on August 11, 2008 in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Non-Motorized Efforts Update:

Engelhardt gave an update regarding the non-motorized efforts. There are a variety of things going on simultaneously with regards to non-motorized efforts. Phase I of the Tri-County Regional Path Study has been completed and plans are available. Phase II has begun in which there will be a broadening of exposure and an attempt to help identify more accurate costs and communities to determine the best places for the trails. The next meeting will be August 14th. There is the Bay County Rail Trail Group, the Tri-County Trail Group, the MDOT Regional Trail Group, and the University Trail Project linking SVSU with

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Delta College.

Asset Management:

Asset Management ratings are complete. However, the ratings haven't been sent out due to troubles with the reporting website.

Projects Update:

The **Salzburg Road Project** for 2013 will include narrowing and re-surfacing of the existing road. The survey has just been completed and plans are being prepared for this project. Engelhardt discussed how the plans could include non-motorized uses in this project and stressed the need to think about connectivity in relationship to existing and future trail project. The **Pine Street Project** is nearly complete. The National Function Classification (NFC) Change for **Bay Arenac Dr** has been accepted. The **Seven Mile Road/Bradford Creek Project** contract has been awarded, and is approximately one month behind schedule. The **Henry Street Project** is going well. The water main and sanitary sewer have been completed. There is a November 15, 2008 completion date scheduled for this project. The **Truman Parkway Project** for joint repair will begin this fall. The **Harrison St Project** has some railroad crossing issue and there is a need for an Archeologist on-site due to the nature of the project. The **Woodside Avenue Project** is complete, however there is an issue about the installation of the fabric. The road might have to be milled and resurfaced due to defects for overlay process. The City of Bay City is in the process of getting the matter corrected with the contractor. Nothing has been settled. **The Saginaw River Bridges** will have cameras installed in the next 60-90 days for safety purposes. The **M-25 Patch Project** will run from Dean to Johnson St. The **I-75 Project** is scheduled to be complete this fall. The **M-25 Center Ave Project** will let in September, 2008.

Other/New Business:

Regional Non-Motorized Plan:

Geiger discussed the that there's lots of data that has been collected with regards to a Regional Non-Motorized Plan. MDOT knows where they would like to see trails incorporated and are in the process of writing up a plan. There is currently a draft document and map.

As there was no other business, the August 7, 2008 meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
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